David Bryan Blackstock

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January 28, 1959 ~ March 22, 2025 (age 66)

David Blackstock, 66, of Poquoson, Virginia, was unexpectedly called Home on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Born in Poquoson, Virginia to Thomas A. Blackstock and Calista Ann Moore Blackstock, David's faith was an important part of his life, shaping his values and the way he cared for others. He was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church in Poquoson and actively attended services at Bethel Baptist Church in Yorktown. He was deeply devoted to his family and friends, finding his greatest fulfillment in their time together.

David was a proud graduate of James Madison University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Music. After college, he joined the United States Air Force and proudly served his country for over twenty years. He first served as a trombonist in the Tactical Air Command Band stationed at Langley Air Force Base and traveled throughout the United States performing for many audiences. David transitioned into Human Resources/Personnel for much of his military career and was fortunate to have traveled to multiple duty stations.

Along the way, he lived in Germany where his first son, Jesse, was born. His time in Germany will be remembered fondly as one of the best experiences of his life. There were many trips to and from the airport to pick up family members that visited frequently, and David was always willing to share his love for the German countryside, food and culture with all his guests. He cultivated a deep friendship with his German landlords, Bernhard and Monika, and their two daughters, Jennifer and Melanie. David was blessed to experience a return visit with them all before his passing.

David was sent to Hanscom A.F.B. in Bedford, Massachusetts where his second son, Brett, was born. He retired from the military in 2002, after serving with the 75 OSS, at Hill A.F.B. in Layton, Utah, receiving an honorable discharge.

He returned home to Poquoson where he became a bus driver for the Poquoson City Public School System. He enjoyed serving many families and creating meaningful relationships with all the students in his care. David's love and kind heart for helping others was

evident as he discovered a new calling for his life. He pursued further studies, acquired his teaching license, and went on to become a special education teacher/department chair at the high school and middle school.

During this time, David created real world connections for his students partnering them with The Chesapeake Retirement Community. He was extremely proud of their progress and worked diligently to ensure their success. He saw the need for enrichment and coordinated a music program specifically designed for his students. With the support of Poquoson High School's music director, Doug Spruill, David's students enjoyed the opportunity of performing with the high school band during a portion of their Christmas concerts. After leaving the education field, David was most profoundly impacted when he'd run into former students around town who would personally share what he meant to them during their time together.

In semi-retirement, David worked part time for The Eaglewood Golf Course at Langley Air Force Base. He continued to develop his deep obsession and love for the game of golf which he acquired late in life. He especially enjoyed playing with his childhood friend and golf mentor - Vernon Krueger. Many treasured friendships resulted as David also played with several golf groups weekly - one being "The Codgers."

In his free time, David loved being active and spontaneous - he was always up for an adventure. He especially valued any time he could spend with his two boys and reunions with his four brothers and their families. Visits with his parents were especially treasured. He loved camping with special friends, thrift shopping with his wife, listening to his many jazz records, and enjoying time away in the mountains at Wintergreen. Other pastimes included, watching old TV shows, riding his motorcycles, trips to the beach to visit friends, and tinkering on his truck with the help of his next door neighbor.

David is preceded in death by his father, Thomas A. Blackstock, father-in-law, Robert F. Graham, sister-in-law, Pam Blackstock, and nephew, Daniel Blackstock. David will always be treasured by his loving wife and partner of 38 years, Deborah Graham Blackstock; sons, Jesse and Brett Blackstock; brothers, Thomas, Jr. (Jackie), Robert (Jan), Gregory (Linda), and Steven (Suzanne); his mother, Ann M. Blackstock, Mother-in-Law, Carolyn Graham, and many incredible nieces, nephews, and close family friends.

David was extremely humble and was always willing to help someone in need whether he knew them or not. His final testament to a "life well lived" is evidenced by his decision to be an organ donor. In this capacity, David was able to help multiple families after his passing. We are so very grateful for the precious time we were given and very blessed to have had him in our lives.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 29th, 2025, with visitation one hour prior, at Emmaus Baptist Church, 814 Yorktown Rd, Poquoson, VA 23662.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following organizations: The Poquoson High School Band Program or the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering at either Bethel Baptist or Emmaus Baptist Church.

Arrangements and heartfelt guidance through Claytor Rollins Funeral Home.

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